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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORT OF FRENCH SALE OF REACTOR TO EGYPT

1. INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE 1/27 CARRIED FRONT
PAGE ARTICLE BY JONATHAN C. RANDAL (WP) CONCERNED WITH
FRENCH SALES TO EGYPT WHICH READ IN PART AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: A 500-MILLION-FRANCE (\$116 MILLION) FRENCH
GOVERNMENT-BACKED CREDIT IS FORESEEN TO COVER THE COSTS
OF CIVILIAN PROJECTS, WHICH INCLUDE A CAIRO SUBWAY,
AN OIL REFINERY, A CEMENT PLANT AND A WESTINGHOUSE
PRESSURIZED-WATER ENRICHED-URANIUM POWER PLANT.

FRENCH OFFICIALS STRESSED THAT FRANCE WOULD
DEMAND EXTREMELY TOUGH BILATERAL SAFEGUARDS-"AS
TOUGH AS ANY HENRY KISSINGER WOULD HAVE IMPOSED"-
EVEN THOUGH NEITHER FRANCE NOR EGYPT SIGNED THE NUCLEAR
NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY AND THUS IS NOT AUTOMATICALLY
SUBJECT TO INSPECTION BY THE VIENNA-BASED INTERNATIONAL
ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY.

THE OFFICIALS INSISTED THAT THEY WERE AWARE
OF POTENTIAL DANGERS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. AND THEY SAID
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THAT THEY WERE EQUALLY WELL AWARE THAT INDIA PRODUCED

ITS ATOM BOMB BY CONVINCING CANADIANS THAT THEIR AID TO
THE INDIAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION HAD ONLY CIVILIAN
APPLICATIONS. END QUOTE.

2. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE ANY CLARIFICATION OR COMMENT
EMBASSY PARIS WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE. PORTER

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